Lee Murdock

Songs from the Great Lakes

Friday, April 1 at 6:30 • Alexandria, VA
Saturday, April 2 at 8 pm • Washington, DC

Great Lakes singer and storyteller Lee Murdock promises a lively evening of regional music at two venues in April: first Emma's Espresso and Wine Bar in Alexandria and again at Seekers Church in Washington, DC.

Lee Murdock has uncovered a boundless body of music and stories from around the Great Lakes. Taking snapshots from history, his songs give the listener a front-row seat to look through the eyes and into the hearts of individuals who have shaped our heritage on and around these amazing bodies of water. His concerts invoke a sense of place, but it is a universal place and a timeless repertoire that celebrates the North American people, their triumphs and tragedies, work songs and pastimes.

"I'm interested in trying to find the life in these songs," he says. "I make music that's exciting for people today, and not only for the people who already enjoy folk music, but for those who think they don't like folk music."

Noted as a fluent instrumentalist on six- and twelve-string guitars, Murdock combines ragtime, Irish, blues and folk styles with his flair for storytelling in songs. His musical influences span fifteen generations, and combine original compositions with traditional music.

The maritime communities of the Great Lakes thronged with hard-working, hard-living people, the ships they drove and the industries that supplied those ships with cargo. No surprise, then, that Murdock's repertoire is grounded in the work song tradition, a carryover from the rugged days of lumberjacks and wooden sail-
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ing schooners. More than anything else, he finds drama and inspiration in the lives of sailors and fishermen, lighthouse keepers, ghosts, shipwrecks, outlaws and everyday heroes.

Check out Lee’s website for more info and to listen to some of his music: leemurdock.com.

Emma’s Espresso and Wine Bar, 126 Hume Ave. Alexandria, VA 22301. (Del Ray) $15 donation. www.emmascoffee.com

Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW, 20912. (Takoma, DC) $20 non-members; $10 FSGW members.

FSGW Sings/Swaps/Events

FSGW Open Sing • Takoma Park, MD
Friday, April 1 • 8 pm  NOTE: Earlier start time
Singers go around the room, giving everyone a chance to sing a song, play a tune, or pass. Most songs are presented from memory, but cheat sheets often appear. Everyone is welcome. The open sings have a loose topic to encourage us to learn new songs or put the polish back on some old ones. Don’t worry if you can’t think of a song on the topic—come join in the fun anyway!  Theme: Chorus Songs.

This month, held at the home of Kathie Mack (kpmack2@gmail.com or 301-270-5367), 7208 Maple Avenue, 20912 (near Takoma Metro station on the Red Line).

FSGW Gospel Sing • Takoma Park, MD
Sunday, April 10 • 4-8 pm
Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Group singing starts at 4 pm and breaks for a covered dish supper at 6 pm, with more singing after supper until 8 pm. Everyone is welcome!  This month’s Gospel Sing will be at the home of Kathie Mack. Info/directions: 301-270-5367.

FSGW StorySwap • Takoma Park, MD
Saturday, April 16 • 7:30 pm
Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Cricket Parmalee for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. For RSVPs and directions, email cricket1425@yahoo.com.

FSGW Shape-Note Singing • Alexandria, VA
Sunday, April 24 • 4-8 pm
Every fourth Sunday, singers explore the rich traditions in The Sacred Harp (1991), Shenandoah Harmony (2013), and Christian Harmony (1959), with unaccompanied four-part singing fueled by a potluck supper. Loaner books are available, and all are welcome. Usually the singing is held upstairs in room 19 and the supper from 6-7 on the ground level of the Fellowship Hall. First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St., about a mile out from the Metro & Amtrak stations & GW Memorial. For more information contact madaly@verizon.net or 301-229-8534.

Co-sponsored Sings

Circle of Life Song Circle • Rockville, MD
Tuesdays April 5 and 19 • 1-2:30 pm
Co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington (Senior Adult Programs) and FSGW. Sing favorite songs and make new friends! The song circle is about the joy of singing, not about talent. All are welcome, regardless of experience or level of ability. Enjoy delightful songs - humorous or serious, old or new, timeless or topical. Words will be provided on song sheets - no need to read music. Free! Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, 20852. Info or to volunteer, e-mail Liz Milner, lizmilner@minspring.com.

Schweinhaut Song Circle • Silver Spring, MD
Wednesday, April 20 • 1-3 pm
On the third Wednesday of each month, this song circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. The song circle is about the joy of singing, not about talent. You don’t have to read music, and printed words are provided for songs that have been suggested in advance. Of course, you may lead or request any song, whether or not we have printed words. All are welcome, regardless of age or experience, including instrumental accompanists. Come when you can and leave when you must, but do come to sing or just to listen! Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, 20901. Free! Cosponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts. For more info or to suggest songs in advance, contact Fred Stollnitz at fstollnitz@comcast.net.

PLEASE NOTE: FSGW Newsletter deadline NOW the 8th!

From here forward, please send newsletter submissions to editor (newsletter@fsgw.org) by the 8th of the preceding month.
FSGW Co-sponsored House Concert

Bob Bovee

Songs of the West and Midwest

Wednesday, April 13

8 pm

For over forty years Bob Bovee has been bringing his wonderful old-time music and stories of the West and Midwest to vivid life.

Bob originally hails from Nebraska, where his family played and sang the old tunes and songs. Proficient on guitar, banjo, autoharp, and harmonica, Bob learned a number of his songs from his grandmother. A fine singer, Bob also teaches and contributes to publications such as the Old Time Herald.

For most of his career, Bob performed with his wife, Gail Heil. Shortly after they last performed here in 2013, Gail passed away, but Bob is determined to carry on the tradition that he and Gail shared, and he continues to perform all over the country.

To find out more about Bob and hear a sample of his music, check out the website at www.boveeheil.com.

Don’t miss this unusual chance to see and hear Bob in the DC area, and sample his infectious playing and singing, fascinating stories of the West and hilarious dry wit. You’ll have a memorably fine time, and in turn Bob will enlarge your view of American life and history. The setting couldn’t be better: Andy and Sondra Wallace’s beautiful restored 18th Century home, Mount Lubentia.

For reservations and directions, email andy.sondra@verizon.net, or call 301-324-7311. Suggested donation is $15.

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FSGW BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 6 • 8 pm

The monthly FSGW Board meetings will be held in Classroom 301 Arcade Bldg. at Glen Echo Park, MD. All FSGW members may attend. If you wish the Board to consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member, or April Blum by e-mail, president@fsgw.org, or call afternoons or evenings 301-422-0292 in advance of the meeting.
Deadline for MAY 2016 Newsletter: FRIDAY, April 8, 2016

FSGW House Concert

Castlebay

Traditional Music and Lore from Maine
(with more than a touch of the Celtic)

Tuesday, April 19 • 7:30 pm

Julia Lane and Fred Gosbee are Castlebay. They hail from Maine, a land of not only lobsters and blueberries, but a rich tradition of lore and song. Fred and Julia have loved and researched traditional music for most of their lives and blend history, legend, and experience into their personable performance style. Their concerts feature poignant ballads sung in Julia’s ethereal soprano and Fred’s rich baritone, interspersed with joyous dance tunes played on Celtic harp, guitar, fiddle, and tin whistle.

Ever since they began musically weaving together the heritage of New England and the Celtic lands in 1984, Castlebay has treated the audience to a musical journey through time and across the Atlantic.

They’ll be at Janie Meneely’s house in Takoma Park, Maryland, for a concert on Tuesday, April 19. Seating begins at 7:00 p.m., and the performance starts at 7:30. $15 suggested donation. Expect coffee, wine, and dessert. For reservations, contact Janie Meneely at 443-786-0463 or at janiemeneely@gmail.com.

“What’s Castlebay all about? -- Seafaring, the darkness and lightness of the coast of Maine, the rhythm of the tides.”
— Peter Spectre, marine author - See more at: http://www.castlebay.net/

HOW TO SUBMIT A LISTING TO THE FSGW NEWSLETTER

1. Please look at this Newsletter and determine under what category your listing should appear. When submitting copy by email, put that category in the subject line, followed by the month. So if you want to list a contra dance, your subject line is: Dance Contra [Month]. No punctuation, please. If it’s a workshop: Workshop [Month]. If it’s a single concert: Concert Individual [Month]. And so forth. Putting the category in the subject line makes it easier for the editor to retrieve groups of events.

2. Please submit all listings in FSGW format. All information should be submitted in the following sequence:

   Event Title • City, State Abbreviation
   Day of the week, Date • start time - end time
   One or two sentences only. Location (+ zip code for GPS). Ticket prices.
   Info: Contact Name at Phone number or email/website.

NB: The city and state appear in the header; do not repeat them in the body, but in this age of Droids and GPS units, you need to include the 5-digit zip code – it goes right after the street address. Submit entries to newsletter@fsgw.org
27th annual Potomac River Sacred Harp Convention

April 2nd and 3rd, 2016

The Great Falls Grange
9818 Georgetown Pike (Route 193)
Great Falls, Virginia

Saturday, April 2, 10 am-3:30 pm: All-Day singing from The Sacred Harp (1991 Edition) with a midday break for dinner. Please bring a dish to share. Saturday evening social nearby - location to be announced.

Sunday, April 3, 10 am-3:30 pm, All-Day singing from The Shenandoah Harmony with a midday break for dinner. Please bring a dish to share.

Registration begins at 9:30 am on both days.

The convention is free and open to the public. All are welcome and no experience is required. Copies of The Sacred Harp (1991 Edition) and The Shenandoah Harmony (2013 Edition) will be available to borrow or purchase. The Grange is now wheelchair-accessible and ADA-compliant. Questions? Info: Kelly Macklin at jdelre@visuallink.com.

Shape note singing is an American a cappella tradition with roots in the Colonial period. Characterized by open harmonies and a powerful sound, shape note singing is music designed primarily for participation, rather than for performance.

Also, on Friday, April 1, there will be a shape-note singing from 7-9 pm in Takoma Park, MD, at the home of Corinne Ducey: Corinne.ducey@gmail.com.

For more information about The Sacred Harp, The Shenandoah Harmony, or shape note singing, visit http://www.fasola.org/ or www.shenandoahharmony.com
FSGW Member and Scholar, Miriam Isaacs Illuminates Yiddish Folk Songs

By: Roger Broseus

FSGW member Miriam Isaacs has authored a web site revealing the content of a treasury of Yiddish folk songs. Collected as recordings by Ben Stonehill in 1948, and archived at the Library of Congress’s (LOC’s) American Folklife Center, the songs have been made more accessible by Dr. Isaacs in written transcriptions with English translations. Her discussion is accompanied by links to recordings of the songs, which were digitized by the LOC and are now archived by the US Holocaust Museum.

Ben Stonehill recorded over 1,000 folk songs, sung by survivors of the Holocaust who were temporarily housed in a Manhattan upper-west-side hotel, The Hotel Marseilles. Miriam, a sociolinguist and Yiddish scholar, retired from a professorship at the University of Maryland. She applied her scholarly efforts to illuminate Stonehill’s post-WWII collection and make it available to the general public on the Internet. Interesting and enlightening, her writings also reveal information about survivors of the Holocaust, as reflected in their songs.

The recordings of Yiddish folk songs and a discussion of them appears on the web site The Stonehill Jewish Song Collection”, which may be accessed at www.ctms.org/stonehill.htm. To review and access the songs, scroll down to “Thematic Listing.” Clicking on links for the songs leads to recording in Yiddish, as well as transcriptions and translations into English for many of the songs, background about the songs, and explanatory notes.

Miriam also delivered a lecture as part of the Library of Congress’s Botkin Folklife Lecture Series. Entitled, “Jewish Folk Song, Ben Stonehill, and the Hotel Marseilles: Collecting Cultural Treasures in a Post-WWII New York Lobby,” the lecture may be accessed as a webcast at http://tinyurl.com/h698z5m, where one may also read more about Miriam’s interesting background.

Search You Tube for “Miriam Isaacs” to find more from Miriam Isaacs.
FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES
AT GLEN ECHO PARK, MD · SPANISH BALLROOM
CONTRAS AND SQUARES · 7:30–10:30 PM
INTRODUCTORY LESSON EVERY SUNDAY · 7–7:30 PM

Join us for an evening of dancing at Glen Echo Park. Every Sunday, FSGW (in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture) presents contras and squares danced to live music by fabulous bands with entertaining callers. Experienced and new dancers welcome; no partner needed. Welcome/Orientation session every Sunday at 7. Come early for an introduction to the basic moves. Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. Bring water or a sports drink, and dress in layers. Smooth-soled shoes are kindest on your knees and ankles when turning.

Info: Penelope Weinberger or Steve Burnett; dance@fsgw.org

Admission: $10 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members
$5 youth (with student ID if over 17)
$13 for the general public

April 3 - Brian Hamshar with Atlantic Crossing

Atlantic Crossing thrills and elates contra dancers with songs and acoustic traditional dance music of New England, music which is rooted deeply in the Celtic British Isles and in French and Maritime Canada. Atlantic Crossing is Tristan Henderson (mandolin, tenor banjo, vocals), Rick Klein (guitar, vocals), Peter Macfarlane (fiddle, low whistle, vocals), Viveka Fox (fiddle, bodhran, djembe). Brian Hamshar comes up from Central Virginia to call.

April 10 - Caroline Barnes with Honeysuckle Rose

Honeysuckle Rose is a wonderful lineup featuring Andrea Hoag (fiddle), Paul Oorts (mandolin), Liz Donaldson (piano), and Ralph Gordon (bass). Caroline Barnes returns to Glen Echo to call.

April 17 - Luke Donfirth with Rosinance

Dave Wiesler (piano), David Knight (fiddle), Josh Burdic (fiddle) form the wonderful Rosinance. Luke Donforth comes to us from Vermont to call the dance.

April 24 - Gaye Fifer calls with Devine Comedy

Marty Taylor (winds and concertina), Steve Hickman (fiddle), John Devine (guitar) make up Devine Comedy. Gaye Fifer will join these legends for a wonderful night of dancing.
FSGW English Country Dances
Glen Echo, MD • Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm
Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St., 20812. Bring clean, non-scuffing shoes for dancing. Cheerful, patient, talented callers are accompanied by top-notch musicians—every Wednesday a different and delightful mix of instruments, including piano, fiddle, flute, oboe, concertina, bassoon, cello, viola, and recorder. Light refreshments served at the break. Experienced and new dancers welcome. No partner required. Info: Stephanie Smith 301-229-3577 or Roger Broseus English@fsgw.org

Admission: $10 for FSGW members, $12 for non-members.

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Rich Galloway calls the dances to the music of Carrie Rose (flute), Bruce Edwards (bassoon and concertina) and Liz Donaldson (piano)

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April Blum and Tom Spilsbury call the dances while Becky Ross (fiddle), Karin Loya (cello), and Liz Donaldson (piano) make the music

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Stephanie Smith leads the dances while Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), Colleen Reed (flute), and Paul Oorts (guitar) play the tunes

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Anna Rain calls to the playing of Tina Chancey (fiddle), Ralph Gordon (cello), and Melissa Running (piano).
FSGW FAMILY DANCE
SUNDAY, APRIL 10 · 3-5 PM

Liz Donaldson is a favorite caller with the family dance. She will return to call family fun dances with Andrea Hoag (fiddle) and Ralph Gordon (bass). Fun for the whole family! In the Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom Annex. No experience necessary – an experienced (and patient) family dance leader will make sure that everyone has a great time. $5 for ages 4 and older.

THE GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL - WASHINGTON, DC

None in April.

FSGW Co-Sponsored DANCE EVENTS

SILVER SPRING CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE
SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 · 7:30-10 PM · (7-7:30 Lesson)

Caller Ann Fallon with band Waverly Station (David Knight, Liz Donaldson, Ralph Gordon). Great Hall of the SS Civic Bldg, One Veterans Plaza, 20910. Free parking at 801 Ellsworth Dr. Introductory workshop at 7. Co-sponsored by FSGW, Carpe Diem Arts, and Montgomery County Rec Dept. $8 for FSGW/ BFMS/CDSS members. $10 adults, $5 students. First timers free. Info: Rachael Erichsen at 757-329-3714 or Busy Graham at busygraham@gmail.com

GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCERS · MD

THURSDAYS · 7:30-10:45 PM

See the listing under International Dances on page 16.
The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents the 30th Annual

**Washington Spring Ball**

**English Country Dancing**

**Saturday, May 14, 2016**

Music by: Alchemy
Karen Axelrod, piano; Eric Martin, violin/viola; Rachel Bell, accordion

Silver Spring Civic Building; One Veterans Place; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
FREE parking in the lot across the street, 801 Ellsworth Dr., Silver Spring Metro Station—12 minute walk

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Practice session: Anna Rain, caller; David Knight, fiddle; Melissa Running, piano

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At the ball, dances will be prompted for a few rounds, with no walk-throughs. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly. There is a practice session the afternoon of the ball at which most of the dances will be taught. Dances can also be learned at Wednesday night dances in Glen Echo MD, and via videos under “resources” at bronord.com/ball2016. Attire is dressy, with many participants wearing ‘period’ clothing.

**Register Online:** washingspringsball.brownpapertickets.com  **Register by Mail:** form at bronord.com/ball2016
**Prices:** $33—members—FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, $38—non-members, Add $5 after April 30, students 1/2 price

**Directions, Videos, FAQs:** www.Bronord.com/ball2016,
Registrar@bronord.com (Roger), Ball.Chair@bronord.com (Carrie)
Concerts

FOCUS
For more info FocusMusic.org

Joe Crookston • Alexandria, VA
Saturday, April 2 • 7 pm
Joe Crookston is a songwriter, singer, guitar picker, painter, claw hammer banjo player, eco-village member, and believer in all things possible. St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, 22308. $15 adv./$18 door.

Joan and Joni Show
(Allison Shapiro & Kipyn Martin) • Rockville, MD
Sunday, April 10 7:30 pm
Joan & Joni is a tribute to Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell performed by singer/songwriters Allison Shapiro and Kipyn Martin. Tikvat Israel Congregation 2200 Baltimore Road, 20851. $15 adv./$18 door.

Johnsmith • Alexandria, VA
Saturday, April 16 • 7 pm
Johnsmith is a man who loves his life, his family and friends, and who loves nothing more than sharing that love in song and stories all across this land. Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, 22302. $15 adv./$18 door.

Institute of Musical Traditions (IMT)
For more info: imtfolk.org

The Kennedys • Washington, DC
Friday, April 1 • 7:30 pm
20th Anniversary Triple CD Release Concert. New York duo Maura and Pete Kennedy have traversed a broad musical landscape, surveying power pop, acoustic songwriting, and organic rock rooted in their early days in Austin. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, 20912. (Takoma DC) $20 adv./$25 door.

Ari & Mia • Takoma Park, MD
Friday, April 8th • 7:30 pm, doors 7 pm
Ari & Mia, Boston’s Americanica sister act, reference the traditions of Southern and Northeastern fiddle music and the early American songbook to create a realm where their own compositions cross paths with older traditions. Their stylish and sophisticated music honors the sounds of Appalachian cottages, rural dance floors, and urban concert halls. Allied World (Airshow, Inc.) 7014-C Westmoreland Ave, 20912. (Takoma DC) $20 adv./$25 door. Students $15 adv./$20 door.

Only Lonesome • Takoma Park, MD
Friday, April 15 • 8 pm
Only Lonesome is a powerhouse bluegrass band playing hard-driving, old-school, "caveman" bluegrass straight from the dirty barrooms of Baltimore and DC in the 1950’s. Only Lonesome is Neel Brown (guitar), Stefan Custodi (bass), John Seebach (mandolin), Sam Guthridge (banjo) and Tom Lyons (fiddle). Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave, MD 20912. $15 adv/$20 door.

333 Coffeehouse
More Info: 333concerts.org

Mike Agranoff • Annapolis, MD
Friday, April 15 • 7:30 pm
Mike is a "singer-songfinder" par excellence, a fine fingerstyle guitarist, a funny and charming storyteller, and a familiar face at the FSGW Getaway. Annapolis Friends Mtg. House., 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. $12/$10 students, 65+, or members of ATDS, FSGW, BFMS.

Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series
Hernndon, VA
Both concerts held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Rd., 20170. More info: Bob Thompson 703-435-8377 or kd4fue2@verizon.net

Circa Blue
Saturday, April 9 • 7:30 pm
Circa Blue blends traditional and contemporary bluegrass music in their set lists, and their vocals and instrumentals are pure magic regardless of what style they are playing. $15; free for age 12 and under.

The Country Gentlemen Tribute Band
Saturday, April 16 • 7:30 pm
The Country Gentlemen Tribute Band is dedicated to continuing the bluegrass legacy of the legendary Charlie Waller and The Country Gentlemen, and they are magnificent in their recreation of that original sound. $15; free for age 12 and under.

Individual Concerts

BeauSoleil • Burtonsville, MD
Sunday, April 3 • 7 pm
Since forming in 1975, Grammy winners BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet have claimed their undisputed role as the most esteemed Cajun group in music. Church of the Resurrection (lower level Amadeo Room), 3315 Greencastle Road, 20866. Advance tickets $25, $20 seniors, $15 students at http://www.livingartsconcerts.com/april-3.html. Contact Annick Kanter-Saint Hubert, 301-520-8921, about availability of tickets at the door.

Shirleta Settles & Bill Baker
Washington, DC
Friday, April 8 • 7:30 pm
Shirleta is one of the finest rhythm & blues and gospel vocalists in the Washington area. She will be joined by Wes...
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FSGW CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND

Newsletter Deadline!!

1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam
2 DC Norwegian Dance
3 Focus Alexandria, VA
4 Joe Crookston
8 FSGW CONCERT (SEEKERS’ CHURCH, DC) LEE MURDOCK

FSGW CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND

1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam
2 Baltimore Family Dance
3 Circa Blue concert (Hermont, VA)
5 Baltimore Contra Dance
8 Silver Spring English Dance

First Night of Passover

7:30 333 Coffeehouse: Mike Agranoff concert
8 IMT Takoma Park
8:00 Silver Spring English Dance
8:30 Greenbelt Int’l Folk Dance
8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance

1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam
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7 Annapolis Contra Dance
7 Lancaster, PA Contra Dance
7 Scandia DC Dance
7 Focus Alexandria, VA
7:30 The Country Gentlemen
7:30 Leesburg Assembly Dance
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7:30 FSGW Storyswap

Last Night of Passover

7:30 Glen Echo Int’l Dance
8 Arlington Circle Dance
8 Wheaton Folksong Sing-In
8 Mt. Vernon Int’l Folk Dance
8 Back Room Blues Dance

1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam
1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam
? Galesville Square Dance
8 Glen Echo Strauss Ball

| 6:30 Harrisonburg, VA Family Dance | 1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam |
| 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT’L DANCE | 5 Baltimore Family Dance |
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FSGW Getaway

FSGW Annual Mini Fest

Takoma Park Middle School, MD

Nutshell submissions: See instructions on page 4
"Sugar" Biles on bass and Skip Fennel on keyboard. Soulful D.C. songwriter Bill Baker will open. Carroll Cafe at Seekers Church 276 Carroll St. NW@Takoma Metro, 20012. $18 adv/$20 door. Jesse Palidofsky 301-562-4147 or 202-829-9882 night of show only. carrollcafe.org.

CARPATHIA AND TISZA • FALLS CHURCH, VA
SUNDAY, APRIL 17 • 2 PM
Carpathia and Tisza will present a full stage performance showcasing the folk dances and music of several countries including Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and Bulgaria at Creative Cauldron. The show is part of Passport to the World, which is a collaboration with FSGW! 410 S. Maple Ave., 22046. $20 (Please buy in advance at www.creativecauldron.org/passport-to-the-world.html).

HARPETH RISING • HENDERSON, VA
TUESDAY, APRIL 12 • 7:15
Reston-Herndon Folk Club will host Harpeth Rising at the Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street, $10 non-members/$10 members. Info: www.restonherndonfolklub.com or 703-435-2402. Adv. tickets - DAHurdSr@cs.com.

GWCC Ceili • COLLEGE PARK, MD
SUNDAY, APRIL 24 • 3-8 PM
The Greater Washington Ceili Club is celebrating it's 30th season this year! GWCC sponsors a 4th Sunday dance (Sept-May). Music this month by The InnMates, with Zan McLeod. Workshop (West Kerry Set) at 3 pm, Ceili 4-8 pm, with potluck dinner during the first break. No partner needed; smooth soled shoes (not tennis shoes) recommended. Cherry Hill Park Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740 (entrance code 76000). $15 Members, $20 Non-members. Ages 11-20 half price. Ages 10 and under free. Info: 301-512-4480 or gwcc-online.org.

FRIDAYS
Friday Night Dancers • Glen Echo, MD
FRIDAYS • 8:30-11:30 PM
The Friday Night Dancers, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, sponsors weekly contra dances to live music in the historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom (unless otherwise specified), at 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. New dancer class every week from 7:30 to 8:15. $10 for the lesson and dance. $5 for age 17 and under. (Age 17 and under free on second Fridays.) Info: FridayNightDance.org, or 301-
632-2222, or the Friday Night Dance Facebook page.

April
1 Bob Isaacs and Bryan Suchenski call to Tempest Tim Ball, fiddle, Chuck Abell, guitar/mandolin and Eric Metzgar, drum/percussion.
8 Dave Colestock calls to the fabulous Glen Echo Open Band.
22 Ron Blechner calls to Transatlantic Crossing with Jon Gardner, guitar, Anne Gardner, fiddle and David Gardner, piano.
29 Brian Hamshar calls to Contra Rebels with Tom Clewell and Barb Schmid, fiddles, Bruce Campbell, bass and Henry Koretzky, guitar.

Saturdays

BFMS Contra - Baltimore, MD
Saturday, April 9 • 8-11 pm 2016
Kim Forry calls to The Rythmajigs from Charlottesville: Jack Maus (keyboards), Walter Hojka (fiddle and percussive feet), Patti Reum (wind instruments). The evening starts with Potluck from 6:30-7:30; Introduction to contra dancing from 7:35-7:55; dance from 8-11 pm. Beginners, singles, couples and families welcome. No experience or partner necessary. St. Mark’s on the Hill, Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd., 21208. $9 Members, $13 Non-members. Under 21 full-time students with ID $4 members, $6 Non-members. Info: Sara Glick 410-292-8681 or satdance@bfms.org.

Lancaster Contra Dance • Lancaster, PA
Saturday, April 16 • 7-10 pm
Terry Bachmann calls to The Gooseberries with Matthew Burke (fiddle), Rich Dodson (tenor banjo), Dave Cotrell (accordion), and Jill Smith (piano). St. John’s Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St, 17603. Beginners workshop 6:15. $9 adults/$6 students. Age 15 and under free. Info: Karen at 717-951-4317 or lancastercontra.org.

ATDS Contra • Annapolis, MD
Saturday, April 16 • 7-10 pm
A cadre of local callers will teach and call dances to the music of The Annapolis All-Starz open band. Includes a free introductory session at 6:30; Dance 7-10 p.m. All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome! Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. $10/discounts for seniors, students, families, and ATDS/FSGW Members. Info: Jan Scopel at 443-540-0867 or janscope@hotmail.com or contradancers.com/atds.

Frederick Contra Dance • Frederick, MD
Saturday, April 23 • 8-11 pm
Lindsey Dotson will call to the tunes of an area trio featuring Robin Wilson (flute and concertina), Emily Aubrey (fiddle), and Janina O’Brien (piano). Introductory workshop at 7:15. Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd., 21703; $10/ students with ID $5. Info: Boe Walker at 301-694-6794 or contradancers.com.

English Country

Baltimore Folk Music Society
Pikesville, MD
Mondays • 8-10:30 pm
English Country Dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through from 7:45. Admission $8 Members (BFMS, ATDS, FSGW, CDSS); $11 Non-members, $2 student discount. St. Mark’s on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd., 21208. Info: Carl Friedman at 410-321-8419 or engdance@bfms.org.

FSGW English Country Dance Details on page 8.

Silver Spring ECD • Silver Spring, MD
Saturday, April 9 • 8-10:45 pm
Dance to music by Peascods Gathering, calling by Bob Farrell. Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave, 20902. Parking and entrance in rear. Beginners and singles welcome. $5. Info: Carl Minkus at 301-493-5281, cminkus@verizon.net.

Leesburg Assembly • Great Falls, VA
Saturday, April 16 • 7:30-10:30 pm
Dance to calling by April Blum, with music by Alice Markham and Jeff Steinberg. Please bring a refreshment to share. $10. St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike, 22066, 4.7 miles west of the Beltway. $10. Info: David Pacelli at 703-757-8648 or theleesburgassembly.org.
DANCES continued

INTERNATIONAL

Mondays

Bethesda International Folk • Bethesda, MD
Mondays • 7:30-10 PM
Come join our friendly group and learn dances from all over the world. Beginners 7:30-8, intermediate / advanced 8-10 (requests from 9:15-10). No partner needed. All levels of experience welcome. Adults over 16 please. Mostly recorded music; wonderful wood floor. Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln., 20815. $8. Info: Phyllis or Brandon, 301-871-8788, DiamondDanceCircle.com or DiamondDanceCircle@comcast.net.

Columbia Folk Dancers • Columbia, MD
Wednesdays • 8-10:30 PM
We meet at Kahler Hall in Columbia, Village of Harpers Choice. Class at 8, dancing starts at 8:30. Requests taken throughout the evening. $5 ($3 for seniors). Info: Ethel at 410-997-1613, Ed at 410-740-2309, or columbiafolkdancers.org.

Thursdays

Glen Echo International Folk • Bethesda, MD
Thursdays • 7:30-10:45 PM
Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobin Dr (near the intersection of Goldsboro and MacArthur). Lesson at 7:30, Request dances from 9 to 10:45. Mostly recorded music. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Co-sponsored by FSGW. $5 Info: Jamie at 301-466-3018 or dancingplanet@erols.com.

Carpathia Folk Dancers • Washington, DC
Thursdays • 6:30-9 PM
Carpathia is Washington’s multi-ethnic Eastern & Central European dance performance ensemble. We are currently looking for 3 or 4 new men and women who are interested in performing dances from a variety of countries including Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Germany, and Bulgaria. We rehearse on Thursday evenings in Foggy Bottom, and have dancers from 16 years old to their mid-40s. We are open to any interested in fast-paced performance dance of at least 14 years old. Costumes are provided by the ensemble. Please contact carpathiadc@gmail.com for more information and check us out at www.facebook.com/carpathiadc.

Mt. Vernon International Folk Dancing
Alexandria, VA
Thursdays • 8-10 PM
Special workshop with international folk dance teacher Lee Otterholt on April 7, 8-10:30 pm, $15. We welcome beginners and advanced dancers, no partner necessary. Friendly and diverse group; fabulous wooden floor; a mix of easy dances, advanced instruction and requested dances. Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, 22307. Usual donation $4. Info: Patricia at 703-472-3888 or pdw@patricia/daywilliams.com.

Circle Dance • Arlington, VA
3rd and 5th Thursdays • 7:30-9:30
Come and explore dances from all over the world in a spirit of mediation and joy. All dances taught. Recorded music. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Rte 50 at George Mason Dr, 4444 Arlington Blvd, 22204. Donation requested. Info: Ann Ulmschneider at 703-528-5114 or aulmsch@msn.com.

Fridays

Greenbelt Folk Dancing • Greenbelt, MD
Fridays - 8:30-10:45 PM
We focus on dance from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Beautiful dance floor. Teaching from 8:30 to 9:15, requests from 9:15 on. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd., 20770. $7/students and seniors half price. Check website for special events. Info: Larry Weiner at 301-565-0539 or larry@larryweiner.com, or larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm.

Israeli

Israeli Dancing • Arlington, VA
2nd and 4th Tuesdays • 8-10 PM
Beginner/review instruction from 8 to 9. Intermediate and practice from 9-10. All with a thirst for exercise and dance are welcome. Congregation Etz Hayim, 2920 Arlington Blvd, 22204. $5 per person per hour. Info: Ethan Halpern at 301-982-0937 or xtc0yes@aol.com.

Israeli Dancing • Chevy Chase, MD
Tuesdays • 7-10:30 PM
Instruction from 7 to 7:45. We focus on building a repertoire of both classic and newer Israeli dances in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Recorded music. Light refreshments served. Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, 20815. $8 adults, $6 students. Info: Mike Fox at 240-424-0805 or markidmike.com.

Morris

Arlington Northwest Morris Women
Mondays • 7:30-9 pm
Learn and perform the traditional morris dances of Northwest England, which combine simple footwork with power and precision. We are a welcoming group of women who practice in a great place with a wooden floor (easier on your knees) at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Arlington Blvd at George Mason Dr. Info: suzelise@comcast.net or nwdancers@comcast.net.
**ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN**
**WEDNESDAYS • 7:30-9:45 PM**
Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings, and socializes together. Bethesda Elementary School, 7600 Arlington Rd, 20814, walkable from Bethesda Metro. Info: Louise at 301-927-6373 or louiseneu@earthlink.net or uswet.com/RCMW.html.

**FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN**
**THURSDAYS • 8-10 PM**
Experience the vigorous thrill of the morris and the camaraderie of a morris team! Learn and perform dances from English Cotswold villages, mummers’ plays and occasional long-sword dances. We welcome new and slightly used dancers to our practices at Knock on Wood Tap Studio, 6925 Willow St, NW, Washington DC and/or at the pub afterwards. Info: Alan Peel at 301-920-1912 or squire@fbmm.org or fbmm.org.

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**SCANDINAVIAN**

**NORWEGIAN CLASS, DANCE & POTLUCK • WASH, DC**
**SATURDAY, APRIL 2 • CLASS 4:30 PM, POTLUCK 6:30, DANCING 8**
Norwegian-style house party, preceded by beginner Hallingspringar class taught by hosts Linda Brooks and Ross Schipper, to give you a head start before the Spree (see under Weekends). Mesmerizing live music by Loretta Kelley on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings under the bowed strings—see HFAA.org). Addictive dances, some with elements like Swing or Hambo. Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. 3600 T St, NW, 20007. Host phone just in case: 202-333-2826. Info and directions: http://MAND.fanitull.org or Jenny at pi@xecu.net.

**SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD**
**SATURDAY, APRIL 16 • 7 PM**
Scandia DC sponsors Scandinavian couple dancing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This month live fiddle music will feature Loretta Kelley, our local treasure and considered to be the most accomplished American born Hardanger fiddle player, and the Scandia DC Spelmannslag. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8: Busserull - an exciting more modern Norwegian folk dance, based on Rorospols but done to lively 2/4 music. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd., 20770. $10; Info: Linda Brooks or Ross Schipper 202-333-2826, Linda@ScandiaDC.org, www.ScandiaDC.org. Inclement weather call 301-474-0646.

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**SCOTTISH**

See rscds-greaterdc.org for all Scottish dance listings.

**BETHESDA SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE**
**MONDAYS • 8-10 PM**
NIH Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). Call or email in advance for directions. Info: John MacLeod at 301-622-5945 or blackolav@gmail.com.

**GREENBELT SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE**
**TUESDAYS • 8-10 PM**
Dance all year round at the Greenbelt Community Center. $8. Info: Jay Andrews at 703-719-0596 or andrewj@rcn.com.

**ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE**
**WEDNESDAYS • 8-9:45 PM**
Learn Scottish dance at the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St, Alexandria 22314. $5 Info: elanyi@cox.net.

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**COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE • GALESVILLE, MD**
**SATURDAY, APRIL 30 • 7 PM**
Dance squares, circles, longway sets and waltzes. Janine Smith calls to traditional Appalachian dance tunes by Leah Weiss (fiddle), Gary Wright (guitar) and friends. Sit-ins welcome on fiddle, guitar, and clawhammer banjo. All ages welcome. 5:30 Doors open; 6 optional potluck, 7 Family-friendly dancing; 8:30 More Challenging dancing. Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Galesville Road, 20765 (Near Annapolis). $10, Kids 5-17 $5. Info: http://communitysquaredance.wordpress.com or 301-926-9142.

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**SWING/BLEUES**

**BACK ROOM BLUES • GLEN ECHO, MD**
**THURSDAYS • 8:15-11:30 PM**
Deadline for MAY 2016 Newsletter: FRIDAY, April 8, 2016

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**WALTZ/COPLES DANCING**

**AFTERNOON WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD**  
**SUNDAYS • 3:30-6**
A lively mix of folk waltzes with other couples dances, including hambo, swing, tango, and polka. Beginner lesson from 2:45 to 3:30. No partner required. Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. $10. Info: WaltzTimeDances.org or 301-634-2222.

April
3  **Devine Comedy** with Marty Taylor (winds, concertina), Steve Hickman (fiddle), John Devine (guitar, vocals), Ralph Gordon (bass).
17  **Rosinance** with David Knight, Dave Wiesler, Josh Burdick.

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**DANCE CLASSES**

**WALTZ PRACTICUM • GREENBELT, MD**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 10 • 1-3 PM**
Waltz lovers, please join us for an open practicum at the Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio. Mid-tempo waltzes to recorded music. All waltz styles are welcome; eclecticism and fusion encouraged. Dance shoes mandatory; street shoes not permitted on dance floor. 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. $5 suggested donation. Info: Elliott Drabek at 443-653-1468, Elliott.drabek@gmail.com or tinyurl.com/waltz-practicum.

**SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD**  
**TUESDAYS (APRIL 5, 12, 19, 26)**  
**7:30-9:30 PM**
Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Learn Hambo, Schottis, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other Swedish and Norwegian couple turning dances, including requests. Sometimes live music. Wear smooth-soled shoes (leather soles are best) for turning, not running shoes. $5. First time free. Info: Lisa Brooks at 240-731-1925, lisa@HamboDC.org or Hambodc.org.

**STRAUSS BALL • GLEN ECHO, MD**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 30 • 8 PM**
A Benefit Dance for Glen Echo Park from 8 pm to midnight. One-hour Viennese lesson at 8 pm. Music by *Olde Vienna* with Dave Wiesler (piano), Alexander Mitchell (violin), Chelle Fulk (violin, viola), Barbara Heitz (flute, piccolo), and Ralph Gordon (bass). Formal attire suggested. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, Grand March, dance cards. Carousel open until 10:30 pm ($125/person). All tickets sold at the door beginning at 7:40 pm; $20/person. No partner required. Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., 20812.

**IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES • GAITHERSBURG, MD**  
**TUESDAYS (THROUGH MAY 10) 7-9 PM**
The Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers teach Irish set and ceilidh dancing, for ages 8 and up. No partner necessary. We begin on January 5, 2016. Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Raven Rock Dr., 20878. First class is free (see website for coupon) for non-members, then $50 per semester, $5. Info: www.ringofkerrydancers.org.

**GWCC IRISH SET DANCE CLASSES • SILVER SPRING, MD**  
**THURSDAYS THROUGH MAY 19 • 7-9:30 PM**
The Greater Washington Ceili Club offers ongoing Irish social dance lessons in a relaxed setting, no partner needed. 7-8 pm, basic steps and dances. 8-9:30 advanced dances (this season will include the West Kerry Set and the Claddagh Set). Third Thursday, in lieu of later class, there is a mini-ceilidh with live music open to all (small donation for musicians; 1/21, 2/18, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19). Wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes. $40/season, first class free. Argyle Park Activities Bldg., 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. Plentiful free parking. Info: Paul O’Donnell at 301-649-6410 or info@gwcc-online.org or www.gwcc-online.org.

**Apply NOW for**

**Takoma Park Folk Festival • Sunday, September 11**
The 39th Takoma Park Folk Festival will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2016. Information about the Festival is available at www.tpff.org, where performers and volunteers can find application forms. The application deadline for performers is April 18.
Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

**Sundays**

**DC BLUEGRASS UNION DUPONT CIRCLE JAM**
**WASHINGTON DC**
1st Sundays • 11 am-2 pm  

**ACOUSTIC JAM • ANNAPOLIS, MD**
Sundays • 10 am-12:30 pm  
Indoors at the Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park. Info: ken.i.mayer@gmail.com.

**CLASSIC COUNTRY & GOSPEL JAM • SILVER SPRING, MD**
2nd Sunday • 2-5 pm  
The Sunday jam welcomes a wide range of musical abilities and acoustic instruments including (but not limited to) guitar, fiddle banjo, mandolin, bass, Dobro, harmonica, cello & autoharp—as well as the human voice. 9819 Capitol View Ave., 20910. Playlist & directions: www.SundayJam.org; Questions: Dorie Hightower 301-706-763.

**CABOMA JAM • ANNANDALE, VA**
2nd and 4th Sundays • 2 pm  
Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association holds jams at Lyon Park Community Center, 414 N. Fillmore St (at Pershing Dr.), Arlington VA 22201. Info: Don at 703-522-1696 or www.caboma.org.

**SACRED HARP SINGING • SANDY SPRING, MD**
3rd Sundays • 4-6 pm  
Singing is followed by a potluck supper. Location is a small schoolhouse behind the Community Building, 17801 Meetinghouse Rd, 20860 (about 10 miles west of Laurel). Info: Dave Greene at 301-570-3283 or dgreene@all-systems.com to confirm.

**VIENNA/OAKTON SHAPE NOTE SING • OAKTON, VA**
3rd Sundays • 5-7:30 pm  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, 22124, in classroom 3/4. Info: John at 540-955-2660 or jdelre@visuallink.com or visit dcshapenote.squarespace.com.

**SCOTTISH JAM • ALEXANDRIA, VA**
4th Sundays • 2-5 pm  
John Strongbow’s Tavern, 710 King St., 22314. Info: Peter@boghadubh@gmail.com or dcscottishsession.blogspot.com. Info on venue: johnstrongbows.com.

**Mondays**

**BALKAN SINGING • TAKOMA PARK, MD**
Mondays • 8 pm  
Informal singing group, Sedenka, meets in to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info: Katya at 301-270-4175 or Katya@partan.com.

**DC BLUEGRASS UNION VFW JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD**
1st and 3rd Mondays • 7-10 pm  

**SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • WHEATON, MD**
1st Mondays • 8-10 pm  
The Ship’s Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. No cover or minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Mostly a cappella but instruments are welcome. Limerick Pub, 11301 Elkin St, 20902. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

**Tuesdays**

**CAPITAL ACCORD CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD**
Tuesdays: 7:30-10 pm  
Sing into spring with the Capital Accord Chorus, an all-women’s a cappella group singing in the barbershop style. Free and open rehearsals, Tuesday nights, 7:30-10:00 pm. We meet at Northwood High School in the Chorus Room (new location), 919 University Blvd. West, 1-301-392-7664 or admin@capitalaccord.org.

**RESTON/HERNDON FOLK CLUB**
**HERNDON, VA**
Tuesdays • 7:15 pm  

**DC SHAPE NOTE SING • WASHINGTON, DC**
3rd Tuesdays • 7-9:30 pm  
We sing from both The Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony. Loanser available and books for sale. Everyone is welcome to bring snacks and friends. Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St SE, 20003. Enter side door, left of the main steps. Street parking possible; church is 10 minutes from Capitol South and Eastern Market Metro stations, or 20 minutes from Union Station. Info: John at 540-955-2660 or dcshapenote.squarespace.com.
**Old-Time Jam • Baltimore, MD**  
**Alternate Tuesdays • 7:30-10:30 PM**  
Ken and Brad Kolodner lead the Baltimore Old-Time Jam at Liam Flynn’s, 22 W. North Ave, 21201. Info: KenAndBrad.com.

**Wednesdays**

**Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • 3 Locations**  
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays • 8-10 PM  
The Ship’s Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson at rustic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

**April**

13 Wharf Rat, 801 S Anne St. (Fell’s Pt.), Baltimore, 21231  
20 Galway Bay, 63 Maryland Ave., Annapolis, 21401  
27 Laughing Man Tavern, 1306 G St NW, Washington, DC 20005

**Cajun Jam • Greenbelt, MD**  
4th Wednesdays • 7-9 PM  

**Thursdays**

**Folksong Sing-In • Wheaton, MD**  
3rd Thursdays • 8-10 PM  
Join local musician Brad Howard every month for this musical gathering. Everyone gets a chance to lead the room in song. Bring your favorite folk tunes, your voice, and even your instruments for a great evening of song and pub-style fellowship. The Limerick Pub, at the corner of Elkin and Price, 11301 Elkin St, 20902. Venue Info: thelimerickpub.net.

**Fridays**

**Glen Echo Open Band • Glen Echo, MD**  
2nd Fridays • 8:30-11:30 PM  
The fabulous Glen Echo Open Band plays for the second-Friday contra dance. All instruments and levels of ability are welcome. Find recordings, tunebook names and page numbers of tunes played by the Open Band at OpenBandOnline.com. The site works best using iTunes on a PC or a Mac. Info: FridayNightDance.org.

**Saturdays**

**Archie Edwards Blues Jam • Riverdale, MD**  
Saturdays • 1-5 PM  

**Washington’s Spelmanslag Silver Spring Kensington MD**  
2nd and 4th Saturdays 2:30-4:30 PM  
Open rehearsals for a small orchestra playing traditional Swedish music. Info at Juliborland3250@gmail.com.

**Shape Note Singing • Berryville, VA**  
1st Saturdays • 4-8 PM  
Shape note singers will gather at Josephine School Museum, 303 Josephine St. Potluck supper (picnic style, no kitchen facilities). Info: shenandoahharmony.com, dcshapenote.squarespace.com, or call John or Kelly at 540-955-2660.

**Storytelling**

**The Grapevine • Washington, DC**  
Wednesday, April 13 • 7:30-9:30 PM  
The Grapevine is home for first-rate storytelling and storytellers of all styles. Hosted by Noa Baum, with featured tellers Jo Radner and Regi Carpenter. Program opens with up to 3 open-mic tellers (5-minute limit). At Busboys and Poets in Takoma Park, 235 Carroll St, NW, 20012. Food and drink available. Suggested donation of $10 per person goes to the featured tellers (feel free to donate more!). “Like” The Grapevine on Facebook at GrapevineStorytelling. Details: 301-587-3558, grapevinetakoma@gmail.com.

LISA NULL is accepting a few new voice students: basic vocal techniques, coaching in traditional styles. Downtown Silver Spring. FREE mutual interview! enul@starpower.net or 301-587-2286

Deadline for MAY 2016 Newsletter: FRIDAY, April 8, 2016
Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

**Shari Kane guitar workshop:**
**Chord Combinations and Picking Genius of Reverend Gary Davis • Riverdale Park, MD**
**Sunday, April 3 • 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**
Exploring the signature chord combinations and picking rolls that make Reverend Gary Davis’ style so amazing will get you well on your way to playing many of his songs and songs in his style. 4701 Queensbury Road, 20737. $30. Info 301-396-3054 or info@acousticblues.com.

**FSGW’s Chesapeake Dance Weekend**
**Edgewater, MD**
**Friday, April 8 – Sunday, April 10, 2016**

**Norwegian Spring Springar Spree**
**Takoma Park MD**
**Friday, April 29 – Sunday, May 1,**
Dance and music classes, three dance parties, and a cozy potluck. Norwegian and U.S. staff. All are welcome, part-timers OK. Newbies please try for March 19 and April 2 classes listed under Scan dancing. Springar music is in 3 like waltz, but with distinctive regional lilts in the rhythm. All live music on the magical Hardanger fiddle, which has sympathetic strings under the bowed strings (see HFAA.org). Locations, schedule, comfortable prices, and other info: http://MAND.fanutull.org or Jenny pi@xecu.net, 301-371-4312.

**An English Trifle • High Point, WV**
**Saturday - Monday, May 28-30,**
Memorial Day weekend!! The second annual English Trifle features calling by Scott Higgs, Melissa Running, and Gaye Fifer, plus eight wonderful musicians – Susan Brandt, Tina Chancey, Bruce Edwards, Ralph Gordon, Andrea Hoag, Aaron Marcus, Paul Oorts and Kathy Talvitie. $120 covers food, lodging and lots of ECD (last year, more than 80 different dances!) Tea bag exchange (bring that box you’ve never opened). At Timber Ridge Camp. Info: www.AnEnglish-Trifle.org, or Kappy Lanning at kappylan@aol.com or April Blum at quatriemme@aol.com.

**31st Annual BFMS Spring**
**Catoctin Mountain Music and Dance Weekend • Thurmont, MD**
**Friday, June 17 - Sunday, June 19**
Join dancers and musicians of all ages for a participatory intergenerational weekend of dancing, singing, workshops, jamming, crafts, hiking and more in a beautiful mountain setting from $89 per person. Info: Elisabeth Epstein, 703-272-8197 or catoctin@bfms.org. Online registration and more at bfms.org/catoctin.php.
Call for Volunteers
36th Annual FSGW Washington Folk Festival
June 4 and 5, 2016

For more than three decades, the Folklore Society of Greater Washington has produced the FSGW Washington Folk Festival ("WFF") at historic Glen Echo Park. This free rain-or-shine event is a celebration of the many cultural traditions that are a part of Greater Washington. The FSGW WFF has presented music and dance from India, Mongolia, North Africa, Ireland, Scotland, France, Israel, Brazil, Bulgaria, Guatemala, Iran, Turkey, Japan, and Spain, and this year’s event will again showcase international culture along with American blues, bluegrass, old-time string bands, contemporary singer-songwriters, gospel, western swing, storytellers, and crafts. The FSGW WFF runs from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. With seven event areas running simultaneously and over 85 hours of performances, there will be something for everyone.

In order to produce this Festival, FSGW relies on an army of volunteers. Many have volunteered for decades, but new volunteers are needed each year. A few hours of your time can help make the event possible. We need help not only during the festival weekend but also on weekends in May and June to help with set-up and take-down. If you’d like to volunteer, visit www.washingtonfolkfestival.org and fill out an on-line volunteer form.

We also hope to recruit people who would like to get more deeply involved in the planning and management of the event – volunteers who want to take on staff roles that make the Festival possible, including volunteer coordination, publicity, web page design, database management, fund-raising, food preparation, stage hands, and general Festival management. If you have experience or would like to develop skills in any of these areas, please send an email to dwainfest@aol.com or call Dwain Winters at 301-526-8558.

PLEASE NOTE:
FSGW Newsletter deadline has CHANGED!

From here forward, please send newsletter submissions to editor (newsletter@fsgw.org) by the 8th of the preceding month.
Chesapeake Dance Weekend
Friday, April 8 – Sunday, April 10

You know that spring is here when you walk past the flowering trees of scenic Camp Letts, in Edgewater, MD, to check in at the annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend. Whether you’re dancing away your winter doldrums on the fine wood floor; relaxing with old friends on the veranda; or enjoying walking trails, canoeing, and other amenities, you know you are in the right place.

This year’s program features contras, squares, French dances, and more:

• Veteran icon Lisa Greenleaf will treat dancers to her high-spirited calling backed up by the music of Stringrays, a hard-driving ensemble dedicated to the exploration of tunes in all their dimensions: raucous to sublime, funky to old-school, and playful to tender. Stringrays’ artists include the legendary Rodney Miller on fiddle, Max Newman on guitar, and Stuart Kenney on bass and banjo.

• The Hogwire Stringband will energize us with the superb fiddling and rich harmonies of their driving brand of American roots music. With Brad Leftwich on fiddle and banjo, Linda Higginbotham on banjo, Abby Ladin on bass, and Joel Lensch on guitar, Hogwire combines virtuosity, relentless rhythms, and expert harmony to bring classic American music to life. They will support the calling of Colorado’s legendary square dance caller Larry Edelman, previously of Baltimore.

• Every year, we reach outside our comfort zone to enjoy something special. This time, Susan Kevra, introduces us to the world of traditional French Dancing. If you’ve never heard of French dances before, you’re in for a treat as Susan, accompanied by Lynn Baumeister, indulges her secret passion for bourrées, mazurkas, schottisches, and valses. Leslie Barr (fiddle) and Jeremiah McLane (accordion), who have both studied “la musique trad” in its native habitat, provide the musical back up as you learn some of the couple dances you might do at a “bal” in France, By the time they are done, you’ll definitely want to “Lève-toi et danse!”

Enjoy it all in one of the local region’s most beautiful, scenic, and best-appointed camps, less than an hour from DC, and 20 minutes from Annapolis. Heated, dormitory-style cabins sleep 8-12 per room in clean bunk beds (tenting option). All meals are provided from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch. Check-in begins at 4 pm Friday, and the program concludes at 4 pm Sunday.

For more information, visit: www.ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org
The Folklore Society of Greater Washington is a not-for-profit [Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code] institution, and we encourage the financial contributions of our members. Contributions in excess of annual dues are welcome and may be tax-deductible. Please mail your gift to FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818. Subscriptions to the Newsletter are available only outside the Greater Washington Metro area.

FSGW is dedicated to preserving and promoting traditional folk arts in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Membership is open to all who support these goals upon payment of dues.

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